

REMARKS

A. Drawings

A set of replacement drawings is submitted herewith.

B. Amendments to the Claims

Claims 2, 4–14, 16–40, and 46–51 are herein amended. Claims 2, 4–14, 16–40, and 46–54 are to remain pending following entry of this amendment. No new matter has been added.

C. 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 4–14, 16–40, and 46–54 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as indefinite. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment places these claims in condition for allowance, and withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner asserted that the term “body of law” as used in the claims was vague and indefinite. It is respectfully submitted that the term “body of law” is well known in the legal art and that the term is therefore neither vague nor indefinite. Paragraph 27 of the Specification provides examples of bodies of law: “the United States Code and/or the United States Code of Federal Regulations, state law codifications (e.g., New York Civil Procedure Law and Rules), regulations of state and federal administrative bodies, etc, and/or a title or chapter, etc., thereof.”

Further, in paragraph 3, the Specification refers to the well-known meaning: “the term “body of law” is used herein in a broad sense and encompasses bodies of law, codified and uncoded, such as codes, sets and codifications of laws, regulations, administrative rules, etc.” Although this sentence emphasizes the breadth of the term, section 2173.04 of the MPEP emphasizes that breadth is not indefiniteness.

D. Conclusion

For these reasons, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection as it might be applied to the claims as pending following entry of this Amendment and allow the claims. To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any issues relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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